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SUMMARY: FRONT PAGES ZAMBIAN PAPERS OF JULY 22 DOMINATED BY
ACCOUNTS OF REPORTED GRENADE INCIDENT IN SALISBURY NIGHT OF
JULY 20 (TIMES OF ZAMBIA) AND ACCOUNT OF PHONE CALL TO DAILY
MAIL FROM WHITE RHODESIAN LAMENTING SORRY PLIGHT OF WHITES STILL
IN RHODESIA WHO ARE UNABLE TO DEPART BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC
STRICTURES OF SMITH REGIME. BOTH PAPERS CARRIED EDITORIALS ON
RHODESIA. TIMES EDITORIAL SAW JULY 22 GRENADE INCIDENT AS
HARBINGER OF URBAN GUERRILLA WAREFARE. DAILY MAIL EDITORIAL
BLASTED CONCEPT THAT DISPLACED RHODESIAN WHITES MIGHT BE COMPENSATED,
MAINTAINING THAT WHITE SETTLERS' SUPPORT FOR SMITH REGIME HAS
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BROUGHT THEM TO THEIR PRESENT PLIGHT AND THEY DESERVE TO LOSE WHAT

THEY HAVE. MAIL EDITORIAL MODERATES A BIT AT END, NOTING THAT
COMPENSATION FROM U.S. AND BRITAIN MIGHT BE ALLOWABLE. END SUMMARY

1. IN ECLECTIC FRONT PAGE PIECE, ATTRIBUTED PARTIALLY TO SOURCE IN
SALISBURY, JULY 22 TIMES OF ZAMBIA REPORTED WITH TONE OF SATIS-
FACTION THAT GRENADE ATTACKS HAS BEEN MADE NIGHT OF JULY 20 ON
A WHITE RESTURANT AND NIGHT CLUB IN SALISBURY. ARTICLE CITES
CHINESE- MADE STICK GRENADES AS BEING USED IN ATTACKS AND NOTES
ATTACKS COULD BE START OF URBAN GUERRILLA WARFARE BY BLACK NATIONAL-
ISTS. ARTICLE GOES ON TO MENTION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY RHODESIAN
TRANSPORT OFFICIALS THAT EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BEING HELD
UP BECAUSE OF ALLEGED RAIL CONGESTION IN SOUTH AFRICA.
ARTICLE ASSERTS THAT RHODESIANS ARE RELUCTANT TO IMPUTE
ANY POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THIS AND PREFER TO BELIEVE IT IS
A COINCIDENCE THAT CONGESTION FOLLOWS MEETING BETWEEN U.S.
SECRETARY OF STATE AND SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER.

2. IN MUCH MORE UNRESTRAINED EDITORIAL TIMES OF ZAMBIA HERALDS
GRENADE INCIDENT AS THE ARRIVAL OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN
SALISBURY SQUARE. CLAIM INCIDENT SHOULD BE "STRONG WARNING TO
WHITES IN COUNTRY-SIDE TO HEAD FOR URBAN AREAS BEFORE IT IS TOO
LATE." EDITORIAL CASTIGATES SMITH FOR DECEIVING SUPPORTERS
THAT FREEDOM FIGHTERS COULD BE KEPT AWAY FROM URBAN CITIES, AND
FORECASTS THAT INCREASINGLY MORE WHITE PEOPLE, INCLUDING WOMEN
AND CHILDREN WILL DIE IN RHODESIA. ENDS ON FINAL NOTE THAT
PROBLEM OF RHODESIA NOW IS A HUMANITARIAN ONE, I.E. HOW TO SAVE
WHITES FROM SUICIDE AND HOW MANY CAN BE SAVED FROM DEATH BEFORE
IT IS TOO LATE.

3. JULY 22 DAILY MAIL UNDER BANNER HEADLINE RECOUNTS PHONE
CALL PAPER ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED FROM WHITE RHODESIAN SETTLER
JULY 21. RHODESIAN WHO CALLED DAILY MAIL PAINTED GLOOMY
PICTURE OF SETTLERS FRIGHTENED BY DEVELOPING GUERRILLA WAR WHO
WANT OUT. WHITE RHODESIAN "PRISONERS OF THEIR OWN PROPERTY"
SINCE GOVERNMENT HAS CUT EMMIGRATION AND FOREIGN HOLIDAY ALLOWANCES
FORCING WHITES TO STAY. SAID THAT MOST SETTLERS WOULD LEAVE
IF THEY WERE ASSURED OF COMPENSATION. ARTICLE THEN GOES ON TO
QUOTE SPOKESMAN FOR U.K. HIGH COMMISSION IN LUSAKA AS SAYING
THAT, UNLESS SMITH GOVERNMENT PICKED UP THE CALLAGHAN PROPOSALS,
HMG WOULD NOT ENTERTAIN ANY REQUEST FOR COMPENSATION FROM WHITE
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RHODESIAN.

4. DAILY MAIL EDITORIAL, KEYING ON ACCOUNT OF WHITE RHODESIAN'S
PHONE INTERVIEW, OBSERVES WHITES REALIZE THEY CAN'T WIN
AND TRUE POSITION OF WHITES IN ZIMBABWE TODAY IS ONE OF GLOOM.
RHODESIAN APPEALS TO OUTSIDE WORLD FOR PROPERTY COMPENSATION
BOUND TO RECEIVE MIXED RECEPTION, SINCE SETTLERS HAVE BROUGHT
PRESENT SITUATION ON THEMSELVES BY THEIR SUPPORT OF THE SMITH

REGIME. THEY DESERVE TO LOSE THEIR PROPERTY WHICH HAS BEEN ACCUMULATED BY EXPLOITATION OF THE BLACK MAJORITY. HOWEVER, AFTER HAMMERING AGAINST COMPENSATION, EDITORIAL ENDS UP ON NOTE WHICH LEAVES DOOR AJAR. LAST PARAGRAPH STATES THAT, IF RHODESIANS WANT TO LOOK TO U.S. OR U.K. FOR COMPENSATION AS CONDITION OF THEIR WITHDRAWAL FROM RHODESIA, THEY SHOULD DO SO WITH HEADS BOWED BECAUSE THEY ARE IN WEAK POSITION TO BARGAIN FOR MORE THAN THEY DESERVE (I.E. NOTHING). END UNCLASSIFIED

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5. COMMENT: STANDING FORTH FROM THIS EXCITED RHETORIC AND QUESTIONING OF WHETHER URBAN GUERRILLA WARFARE HAS BEGUN OR NOT IS THE DAILY MAIL'S EDITORIAL CONSIDERATION OF COMPENSATION FOR WHITE RHODESIAN SETTLERS. EDITORIAL APPEARS TO PROJECT REASONABLE CURRENT POSITION OF GRZ ON THIS ISSUE. GRZ CANNOT PUBLICLY ESPOUSE ANY SUCH SCHEME, BUT WOULD NOT WANT TO HAVE SUCH A RIGID POSITION THAT IT COULD NOT RATIONALIZE LIVING, ALBEIT GRUDGINGLY, PUBLICLY WITH A COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENT, SHOULD IT BECOME AN INGREDIENT IN A PROPOSED SOLUTION LEADING TO MAJORITY RULE IN ZIMBABWE. END COMMENT END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. WILKOWSKI

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